STATE OF VERMONT PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

CPG #NM-775

Application of Joe and Martha Keenan for an)
Amended Certificate of Public Good for an)
interconnected group net-metered photovoltaic)
electric power system)

Order entered: 8/26/2011

I. Introduction

This case involves an application filed by Joe and Martha Keenan (Applicants") on July 19, 2011, requesting an Amended Certificate of Public Good ("CPG") pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248 and Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") Rule 5.100 for a net metering system. On October 19, 2009, the Board issued a CPG to the Applicants for a net metering system that is a group system that utilizes a photovoltaic system and includes two electric meters on the Applicants' property. The Applicants are now seeking an amendment to the CPG to reflect: (1) the relocation of the previously approved trackers approximately 500 feet in a northeasterly direction; (2) the addition of a third tracker with system-rated capacity of 3.99 kW AC, bringing the total system-rated capacity to 11.79 kW AC; and (3) a change in service address.

Notice of the application in this docket was sent to all parties as specified in the Board's Rule 5.100. The notice stated that any party wishing to submit comments or request a hearing in this matter needed to file comments with the Board within thirty (30) days of the date that the notice of the application was sent.

No comments have been received.

The Board has reviewed the application and accompanying documents and agrees that, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248 and the Board's Rule 5.100, a CPG should be issued without further investigation or hearing.

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II. FINDINGS

Based upon the application and its accompanying documents, the Board makes the following findings in this matter.

- 1. The proposed group net metering project is to be located on property owned by the Applicants at 750 North Pasture Lane¹ in Charlotte, Vermont. Application at Section 1.
- 2. The proposed net metering facility is to be erected on a new structure. Order of October 19, 2009, and Application at Section 4 and attachments.
- 3. The proposed group system consists of a photovoltaic system with a total system-rated power output of 11.79 kW AC, comprising the previously approved 7.8 kW AC and the newly proposed 3.99 kW AC. The facility will be interconnected with the Green Mountain Power Corporation electrical distribution system. Order of October 19, 2009, and Application at Section 4 and attachments.
- 4. Applicants have specified the two meters to be included in the group system by account number and location. Applicants have also provided a method for adding or removing meters included in the system. Applicants will notify their utility prior to adding or removing meters from the group system. Application at Section 7 and attachments.
- 5. Applicants have designated Martha Keenan as the person responsible for receiving all communications regarding the group system. Application at Section.
- 6. All disputes among users of the group system shall be resolved by Martha Keenan. Application at Section 7.
- 7. Applicants have certified that the project is in compliance with all of the provisions of Sections 3 and 8 of the application. Based on these submissions, we conclude that the project does not raise a significant issue with respect to the environmental criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 248. Application at Sections 3 and 8 and Attachments.
- 8. Applicants have certified compliance with the insurance requirements as set forth in Section 3 of the application. Application at Section 3.

^{1.} The previously approved service address was 631 North Pasture Lane in Charlotte, Vermont.

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III. Conclusion

In Docket No. 6181,² the Board developed a net metering program in accordance with the statutory requirements of 30 V.S.A. § 219a. This program was further refined by the Board with the adoption of Board Rule 5.100. The goals of the Order and Rule are to encourage private investment in renewable energy resources, stimulate the economic growth of the state and enhance the continued diversification of energy sources used in Vermont. The standards and requirements adopted in the Order and Rule have been determined by the Board to protect public safety and system reliability.

Based upon the findings and evidence, the proposed net metering project will be in compliance with the requirements of the Board's Order in Docket No. 6181 and Rule 5.100, the application does not raise a significant issue with respect to the substantive criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 248, and the proposed project will promote the general good of the state.

IV. ORDER

It Is Hereby Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed by the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont that the group net metering system, as amended and in accordance with the evidence and plans submitted in this proceeding, will promote the general good of the State of Vermont pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 219a, and a certificate of public good to that effect shall be issued in this matter, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248.

^{2.} Investigation into the Use of A Net Metering System for the Purchase and Sale of Electricity from Small Electrical Generating Systems to and from Electric Companies, Docket No. 6181, April 21, 1999.

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DATED at Montpelier, V	ermont, this <u>26th</u> day of	August, 2011.
	s/ James Volz)) Public Service
	s/ David C. Coen)) Board)
	s/ John D. Burke) of Vermont)
Office of the Clerk		
Filed: August 26, 2011		
Attest: s/ Susan M. Hudson Clerk of the Board		

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Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within thirty days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further Order by this Board or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within ten days of the date of this decision and order.